

Minutes
Advisory Committee on Space Allocation & Design
Annex Room 204 - Thursday May 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm by Representative Scott Bedke, co-chair. Present were Senators Geddes, Stegner and Werk; and Representatives Denney and Jaquet. Absent were Senator Cameron and Representative Black. Also present were Tim Mason, Jan Frew and Kelly Berard, Division of Public Works; Natalie Miller and John Maulin, CSHQA; Eric Milstead, Jeff Youtz and Robyn Lockett, Legislative Services Office; Michelle Lynch, Idaho State Historical Society; Peter Morrill and Jeff Tucker, Idaho Public Television; Sue Frieders and Terri Franks-Smith, Idaho House of Representatives; and Mary Sue Jones, Idaho Senate.

Representative Bedke welcomed the Committee and asked them to review the minutes from the previous meeting. The Pro Tem moved to approve the minutes from November 1, 2007. The motion was seconded by Representative Jaquet. The ayes had it and the minutes were approved.

Jan Frew opened by providing an update on the Capitol Restoration Project. She explained that demolition was complete on the majority of the building. The contractors have moved back up to the fourth floor to reconstruct the Capitol, working their way down through the building and out into the wings. The walls are being framed, sheetrock is being hung and the electrical wiring is being put into place. Scagliola work is going quickly and smoothly. The scagliola work in the House and Senate Chambers is complete and the rotunda column work is proceeding on schedule. Ms. Frew added that the marble work is also in progress. The cracks and dings in the marble have been inspected and items of a certain size or level of damage are slated to be fixed. The rest will remain as they are.

Senator Steger asked if large floor cracks will be repaired. Ms. Frew responded by saying, "Yes, some, because the building is no longer settling." Ms. Frew also explained that the marble is coming from several locations and companies. *Sunbest* and *Arizona Tile* are providing the red and green-colored marble from Vermont and the grey marble from Georgia. Not all of the technical submissions have been received and those submissions, once received, will provide the exact point of origin of the marble.

Ms. Frew proceeded with her construction update by saying that the new elevators and stair towers are currently being installed. The east wing deck structure is complete, with some water proofing and some mechanical, electrical, and plumbing infrastructure being added now too. The west wing deck is a few weeks behind the east side. Additionally, the foundation wall between the Capitol proper and the wings is being cut out, but two large columns are going in to act as footings, plus steel has been installed to further support the load transfer from the existing Capitol wall to the new wing walls.

The interior finishes and carpets have been identified, as well as three paint color and the restrooms tiles. Senator Steger asked if the blue tile will go back into the Capitol restrooms. John Maulin said, "Yes, they will go back into the Capitol, but not into the wings."

The Committee was presented with a mock-up of the chamber desks for the House and Senate floor. They are based on the historic design and constructed of mahogany. The desktop inset will be leather and includes a raceway for data/power and a grommet on the top as well. The desks will be ganged together as shown in the floor plans, with aisles shown on the Senate side and no aisles shown on the House side due to space limitations.

Senator Steger asked what the desk model is based on. Ms. Frew responded that the design is based on photographs and also on an original desk that is stored with the Idaho State Historical Society. She explained that the chair space on the new desks is larger than the chair space on their former desks. Ms. Frew added that the floor will remain terraced.

The Committee was presented with a plaster rosette that surrounds the light fixtures in the rotunda. Ms. Frew explained that *EverGreene Painting Studios* is reproducing the rosettes, but they had to be redesigned in order to meet code because the electrical box must be accessible from the front of the rosette, not buried like it is now. Ms. Frew said the light socket will be designed to fit any 120-volt bulb, but compact fluorescent bulbs are scheduled for use.

Ms. Frew said that 200 historic doors will be re-used in the project. They will go back into predominately public areas, including the Chambers and the rotunda. The door hardware has been cleaned and will be re-used. All historic doors will have historic hardware and the excess hardware will go on some new doors as well. Other new doors will have non-original levered handles. The Pro Tem asked if we have enough door handles with the state seal to use where appropriate. Ms. Frew responded by saying she thinks so, but if not, we'll replicate some if need be. The Pro Tem asked a follow-up question about the difference in price of using new levered door handles versus historic door hardware for all new doors. Ms. Frew responded by saying, "\$400,000."

Senator Stegner asked if the gift shop will have replicated state seal door handles for sale. He explained that in Texas, they sold their "lone star" door hinge and it was well received by the public and made a nice gift. Mr. Youtz said the Capitol Commission hasn't discussed this specifically, but he'll take the suggestion before the Commission.

Senator Stegner asked what will happen with the exterior metal roof over the Chambers. Ms. Frew and Mr. Maulin explained that the roof is comprised of lead-coated copper shingles that oxidize to a white color due to natural weathering. The plan is to leave the shingles alone and in place.

Senator Stegner then asked what will become of the pink Senate elevator and whether it be enlarged. Ms. Frew said that value engineering decisions in the Design/Construction sub-committee of the Capitol Commission opted to save \$200,000 by refurbishing the elevators, not replacing them. The elevator will be painted and all parts and prices will be modernized, but the shaft will not be enlarged. The elevators will appear uniform because the finishes, the doors, and the door surrounds will all be the same.

Representative Bedke stated that the overall project budget looks good and is pleased to see that it's on track for \$120 million. He pointed out that the budget shows \$1.4 million in contingency remaining. Representative Bedke reminded the Committee that the project was bonded for \$130 million, but he expressed hope that no unforeseen issues or costs would push the budget over \$120 million.

Ms. Frew commented that the schedule looks good and that everyone involved is committed to the budget and the original schedule. She added that the construction workers are in the Capitol from 6 am – 6 pm Monday through Friday, and many are working Saturdays. Soon, the workers may go to double shifts, if necessary, in order to maintain the aggressive schedule.

Mr. Maulin presented the floor plans to the Committee, which are mostly unchanged since the last meeting. A few minor wall adjustments have been made. He then presented the ceiling plans and explained that some portions of the ceiling have to be coffered in order to run the duct work, pipes, fire suppression sprinklers, and other utilities through the small space in the ceilings. Additionally, some office space ceilings had to be dropped slightly (eight feet at the lowest, then back up to nine or ten feet where they could). Mr. Maulin explained that the chairmen's suites will have "stepped" ceilings in order to maximize the light coming in from the skylights. The meeting rooms have higher-end suspended tile systems and a coffered look.

The Pro Temp asked Mr. Maulin if any water was uncovered in the excavation of the wings. Mr. Maulin stated, "No and that digging the single story wing left at least 11 – 14 feet clearance between the wings and the water table."

Natalie Miller presented the tentative finishes in the wings and Capitol building proper, including wood paneling and wainscoting, the marble applications, the carpet, drapes, and seating fabrics and textures. She grouped the materials onto tactical palates. Ms. Miller said three carpet manufacturers have been approved, but exact determinations will depend on who wins the bid. Ms. Miller explained that draperies are aesthetically important because they are part of the original look of the building, but are also functional because they help acoustically. She added that each hearing room will have wood paneling systems up to a certain height, with the exact height to be determined by the budget. Mr. Youtz recalls that wood was always in the original budget. Senator Stegner and Representative Jaquet agreed with Mr. Youtz and said the wood paneling, wainscoting, marble treatments and other amenities have been a consistent design expectation from the beginning.

Mr. Maulin explained that all of the smaller committee rooms have lower height wood paneling anyhow and that labor costs are not much more to go the additional height. The problem is the cost of material because wood costs five times more than wallpaper or paint. Representative Bedke stated that he needed an approximate cost difference to have higher wood paneling in the auditorium and the largest House committee room. Ms. Frew stepped in to explain that the bids are due May 15th and she'll know more once they come in. She estimates that the impact of having higher wood paneling in the two largest committee rooms will cost no more than \$100,000. Senator Stegner said that since the higher paneling is only designed for two rooms, he prefers the higher height option to make those spaces more unique. Representative Bedke then advised Mr. Youtz to "stick to his guns" in the Capitol Commission meetings in order to ensure the higher paneling option is approved.

The Committee discussed the committee room and wings corridor renderings at some length. They like the marble pilasters, the white articulated door frames, and the door color because it will match the rest of the building. They discussed having doors that are half glass, like the Chamber doors, so visitors can see who is speaking without having to open the door. Senator Stegner said the half glass doors may cause a distraction to the people inside the committee room and Representative Jaquet likes the stately look of the full wooden doors. Overall, they like the renderings and think they should remain as drawn.

Robyn Lockett presented the furnishings plan for the renovated Capitol. She explained that funding to purchase new furniture, draperies, dining room equipment, and audio/visual equipment has been appropriated from HB 277, passed in the 2007 Session. Essentially, all non-construction items necessary to outfit 112,000 square feet in the Capitol proper and 50,000 square feet in the wings is coming from that \$5.1 million appropriation. Ms. Lockett has been working with Kelly Berard, who represents the Executive Branch in their Capitol project, to put together a detailed plan and budget for the furniture purchase. The total

estimate is \$5.8 million, but is expected to fall as vendors are identified and details are specified.

Ms. Lockett is in the process of speaking with furniture manufacturers, one of which has a factory in northern Idaho. Ms. Lockett showed pictures of historical desks and some new desks that are under review. She emphasized that the desks must stand the test of time and be carefully selected. Additionally, she is researching the cost to build a desk that is very much like the desks that were original to the building. Ms. Lockett then explained the need for a furniture review group (2 - 3 people) that can provide feedback on the furniture options in July 2008. The committee told Ms. Lockett they'd give her names in the next few weeks. From there, Ms. Lockett explained the state purchasing and procurement process. The bids will be released in December 2008 in hopes of finding at least three suitable vendors to select from. By February 2009, the actual furniture vendor will be selected. This should allow enough time for the large quantity of furniture that is needed to be built, delivered, assembled, and cleaned in time for the 2010 Session. Finally, Ms. Lockett added that she's working with the construction manager at risk, Jacobsen-Hunt, to begin furniture set-up sooner than the scheduled move start date of November 16, 2009 if the fire marshal and final walk-thru schedules allow.

Michelle Lynch presented an update on the historical furniture and framed legislator headshots that have always lined the House and Senate hallways on the 3rd and 4th floor. The Historical Society is recommending the current headshots be digitized, then preserved in a climate controlled environment because many are "ghosting" or fading away. They also recommend that the frames be standardized in size and color to ensure there is plenty of room to add more framed pictures in the future. Senator Stegner moved to retire the original pictures after they've been digitized and put them into uniform frames, but acknowledges that the House and Senate can have different sized frame so long as they are consistent within each body and each headshot is the same size. The Pro Tem seconded the motion and the motion carried all in favor. Representative Bedke also suggested that the Historical Society, or another history group, create a reference guide or archive on every legislator to supplement the Idaho Bluebook.

Glenn Harris presented a list of technology issues to the Committee. Mr. Harris started by saying a public wireless access system must be set up in the renovated Capitol. Ms. Frew responded that DPW has not designed a wireless access system because she has never been given that direction. Senator Stegner said that because we have public wireless in the Capitol Annex and because it was discussed at prior meetings, it was presumed this feature would move back to the Capitol. Mr. Youtz emphasized that LSO put all the technology issues on the table in November 2007 and in February 2008 at previous Space Allocation & Design meetings and was assured by DPW that we could go through one Session at the Annex before making specific decisions on technology. Mr Youtz is concerned because now he's being told that it's too late to include a wireless system.

Representative Bedke suggested that Mr. Harris meet with DPW to make decisions and accommodations regarding technology because it's essential that this component of the project is done correctly. Representative Jaquet added that she was hoping we'd "go the high-tech direction on this project," similar to the San Francisco County remodel. Senator Stegner said that personally, he does not know the technology of the future, and recommends that experts are consulted to provide additional technological concepts.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee made the following decisions with the intent that Ms. Frew will incorporate them into the Capitol renovation plans:

1. House Chamber desks will have voting buttons wired into each member's desk
2. Both Chambers will be wired for electronic voting boards and an electronic calendar. At this time, only the House will have a voting display board. Senate will still use roll-call voting
3. A touch screen agenda board (or smart board) will be on display in the following locations. Each drop should include power, data, and cable to maximize potential future use:
 - (1) outside the House Chambers
 - (1) outside the Senate Chambers
 - (1) centrally located in the Garden Level, most likely near the information desk
 - (1) at the entrance to the east wing
 - (1) at the entrance to the west wing
 - (1) at the House 4th Floor public gallery
 - (1) at the Senate 4th Floor public gallery
4. A cable drop for a live video feed should be put into the Pro Tem and the Speaker's offices
5. A cable drop for a live video feed should be put into E413 and W423 for public gallery overflow
6. One room in the east wing and one room in the west wing shall be designated and set up for video conferencing
7. Ensure a public wireless access system is implemented throughout the building

The Pro Tem said that the staff seems to "understand the Committee's intent, so please fine tune the technology issue as necessary and move forward." The Committee agreed to let Mr. Harris and Ms. Frew move forward on technology issues, but should keep the Committee and leadership informed of their decisions.

Peter Morrill told the Committee that the Idaho Public TV control room and the Legislature Live studio will be located in the JRW Basement upon return to the Capitol Building, instead of in the Garden Level as originally allocated. A MOU is currently being developed with DPW. Mr. Morrill is also working to identify a funding source to pay for the Legislature Live wiring that will run from the Capitol to the JRW Building. Mr. Morrill then presented an idea that would set-up a Legislative Live pilot program for the JFAC room. It would be similar to the features currently provided by Legislature Live in the House and Senate. Mr. Morrill will make an official recommendation to the Legislative Council on 05/09/08.

Ms. Frew acknowledged that she got a letter from the Speaker of the House requesting that a wall between office 310A and 310B be removed. Ms. Frew said this request can most likely be accommodated, but no more change orders will be considered because the framers are moving at a frantic pace to complete work on schedule.

Ms. Frew then asked the Committee if they'd be willing to give up some space for a janitor's closet on the Garden Level. The Committee discussed some space options and Ms. Frew will follow up with LSO to finalize a location.

The Committee adjourned at 5:45 pm. No future meeting dates were scheduled.